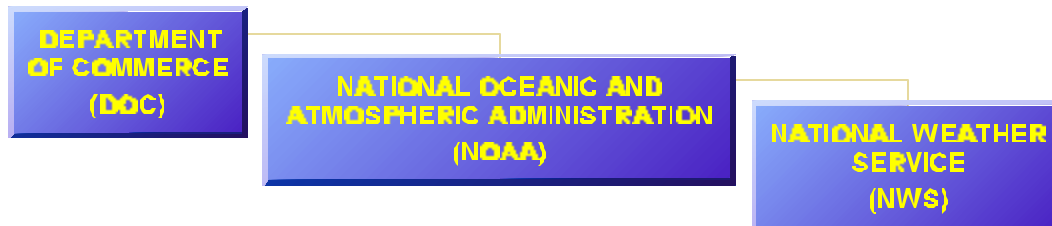


NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE GAYLORD, MICHIGAN

...PROTECTING LIVES AND PROPERTY...

The National Weather Service (NWS) is a federal agency under the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which is part of the Department of Commerce (DOC).



The National Weather Service office located in Gaylord, Michigan is one of 118 modernized offices that have been installed across the entire United States, including Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico. The office in Gaylord is one of four NWS offices in Michigan.

The staff of 21 at the NWS office in Gaylord maintains weather surveillance and forecasting responsibility for 25 counties in Northern Lower Michigan, Eastern Upper Michigan, and adjacent waters of Lakes Michigan, Huron, and Superior.



Our primary mission is to provide weather, water, and climate warnings and forecasts for the protect life and property, and to promote the welfare and economy of the Nation. We fulfill this mission by issuing forecasts, watches, warnings and advisories to keep you informed and prepared for weather. We alert you when damaging or potentially life threatening weather occurs or is expected in your area.

Our forecasts are designed to help you plan your day or even your week. These forecasts are continually updated and refined 24 hours a day, seven days a week as new information is received by our highly trained staff of Meteorologists and Technicians. Weather can change so rapidly at times, especially in the Great Lakes region, that our forecasts become site and time specific. During these events, we issue Short Term Forecasts which serve to keep you informed of rapidly changing weather conditions in your area within the next six hours. We also issue aviation forecasts for our aviation customers. In season, we issue nearshore marine forecasts and warnings and fire weather forecasts and warnings. These forecasts are issued every day (depending on the season) and are updated continuously throughout the day. Our routine forecasts are listed below:

PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES	SPECIALIZED WEATHER SERVICES
6-HOUR SHORT TERM FORECASTS	AVIATION WEATHER FORECASTS
1-2 DAY FORECASTS	MARINE WEATHER FORECASTS
3-7 DAY EXTENDED FORECASTS	FIRE WEATHER FORECASTS

The staff of the National Weather Service in Gaylord is here to serve you and your community in Northern Michigan. We look forward to working with you and your community to learn more about the weather that so greatly affects **each of our lives everyday!**